

**LEFT EARFUL**  
The ball came sailing toward him.  
He reached to grab it there,  
It went on through his fingers,  
And all he got was air.

**RIGHT EARFUL**  
He was an awful kicker.  
Some said "a kickin' fool."  
He kicked the referee around  
For kicking on his school.

## HOPES TO HAVE SQUAD IN FINE SHAPE SATURDAY

West Virginia Going at Best in Contest With Pitt Last Week.

MORGANTOWN, Oct. 17.—Dr. C. W. Spears, head of the West Virginia University eleven, has more worries than the oft-mentioned Old Woman who had the countless children. With three early season games, two of which just had to be won, out of the way he now faces another important game with the Washington and Lee eleven.

Forced to get his team in top form for the Wesleyan game and then bring them to that point again for Pitt, he has only several days to turn the trick for the third time. His whole squad, with the possible exception of Jack Simon, is in good condition physically, but the task of getting them back into smooth running condition by Saturday is a task in every respect.

The Pitt game at Forbes Field last Saturday saw the fighting Mountaineer machine at its best. Every man was an important cog and each seemed to be able to do the right thing at the right time. There were few if any blunders, scarcely any fumbles and the work of the team as a whole should have satisfied the team's most exacting critics.

## HOWL ON SEATS FOR NEXT GAME

Adam Gets Razzing Because Wash-Lee Pasteboards Are Gone.

MORGANTOWN, Oct. 17.—When Director H. A. Stansbury returned here yesterday morning from the Pitt game he was greeted with scores of telegrams and telephone calls from all sections of Southern West Virginia "demanding" to know why better seats had not been placed on sale for the "public" in certain cities. Since then the volume of protest and inquiry has increased to the extent where Mr. Stansbury today made public a statement in which he explained that the alumni of Washington & Lee and West Virginia University, whose football teams met at Charleston on Saturday, had been allowed to purchase seats in advance of the public sale and that these people who had attended school at Lexington or Morgantown and therefore had a better right to tickets than those who had gone elsewhere to college, had purchased outright or had been placed on the list of the whole seating capacity of Laidley field where the contest is to be staged.

That result was that when seats were placed on sale nothing remained for the 50-yard line and the general public was left out in the cold.

## RICKARD THREATENS TO KEEP SIKI OUT OF U. S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—In an effort to reach an understanding on a tentative agreement by which Rickard Siki was to come to America to engage in bouts with light heavyweights, Tex Rickard today called Maurice Heller, the fighter's manager. It has been reported from Paris that Siki has no intention of coming to America.

"If Siki and his manager do not come here," said Rickard today, "as they called me they would then guarantee that Siki will never box in America if I can prevent it."

## TRAIN HELD UP 27 HOURS IN ORDER FOR FIREMEN TO CHAT WITH NEALE

Spears Will Wear Kiss Mask at Wash-Lee Game—Fears Repetition of Osculative Deluge at Pitt Game Last Saturday—Show Booked Tonight.

By O. DOTELL.  
WHEELING, Oct. 17.—(En route to Charleston.)—After a day and a night's ride my train arrived here safely from Pittsburgh, a little less than twenty-seven hours late. We would have arrived on time but the fireman is a personal friend of "Greasy" Neale, and we were held up in Washington while Neale gave him the story of the Wash-Jeff Tech game last Saturday. If the fireman had told me that was all he wanted to know, we could have saved a lot of time by having me ride in the cab.

A wireless from Morgantown received at breakfast this morning said that Spears would wear a kiss mask at the Chinaman barbecue with Wash-Lee Saturday. Spears was kissed twice when he wasn't looking after the Pitt game as is apprehensive of an osculative deluge at Charleston.

A Pitt man was on the train coming over. He was just coming out of the anaesthetic of Saturday.

## PUNTS AND PASSES

By LARRY.

OUR humble servant held the center of attraction at the H. & H. corner last evening for some time where "Tiny" Cunningham, Kenna Clark, Dalton Simon, "Little" Wag and numerous other fans "rode" me to a finish in regard to the lead story on the sport page yesterday afternoon in which they say Pitt was given the best end of the argument in regard to the West Virginia game. When the rain drove us into the doorway for the final period, I explained that I had not written the story in the first place and that to the best of my knowledge and belief it had been written by a man who was at the game, saw every play and formed his own diagnosis of the situation and wrote as he saw it. The man who wrote it is an ardent West Virginia rooter, who lost his voice at the game, and so far as I know should have no tendency to "color" the picture. When I told him this morning of the "rasberry party" at which I had been the guest of honor last night through mistaken identity, and that the boys thought I was trying to cover up for Pitt, he said: "I see no reason to change the stand I took in the matter, and you need have no hesitancy in telling the boys who wrote the story."

In vindicating his position in the matter, he pointed to certain sections of the review of the game in the Morgantown Post of yesterday, written by Brooks Cottle, a football expert who speaks with practically an "ex cathedra" voice. One paragraph from the Morgantown Post story reads:

"The Pitt victory was a great victory, and one in which every West Virginia fan and supporter can take great delight and great satisfaction. But it did not demonstrate that the Mountaineers have an unbeatable team by any means. The West Virginia defense was magnificent except on that one occasion when Shuler made a fifty-one yard return of a punt that permitted Pitt to score its touchdown. From the press stands, it looked like the Mountaineer ends were boxed too easily and that the secondary defense was slow in getting into action. The defense, however, was about as alert and tight on the whole as one would wish to see."

On the offensive, West Virginia didn't have much edge on the reconstructed Pitt team. Mahrt and Ekberg were the only Mountaineers who could gain with any consistency from scrimmage, and they were frequently impotent. The forward pass attack was not successful. It was not deceptive, and when it did come, the Pitt players had no trouble in diagnosing it. Twice West Virginia had receivers out in the open only to fumble the ball."

He declared himself: "All Pitt needed was another touchdown."  
"Yes, kid," I said, getting him a cold towel, "and all that many an old maid needs is a husband."  
"Well I bet on 'em anyhow," he murmured.  
"Don't let that worry you," I said. "Ring Larnier bet on the Yanks."  
There is a show booked here to night, so we won't get out of this man's town until after midnight, as the crew voted for box seats. The show is booked in Parkersburg tomorrow night, so if the crew likes it, we'll have another layover. As far as I am concerned I am going to look up a first class undertaker in Parkersburg like Lawrence Cunningham and talk football.

I received the following wire from Pop Warner today:  
"Your story of yesterday crazy as the devil."  
In reply to which I wired him: "Thanks. Confirming order by letter."

game, it cannot justly be laid at my doorstep with the inference that because I am a Pitt graduate I could not swallow the defeat. The story was not Pitt-made, but West Virginia-made. I thank you.

A Little More Pep  
The suggestion has been passed along to us that possibly the Alumni Association of the Fairmont High School could be a little more active in the support of the Fairmont High School football team. While we are not "in on the know" several of the close followers of the team pass along the word that some of the alumni could show a little more pep in support of the team. Council Lee has one of the hardest of schedules in scholastic circles, and after himself a real coach in getting his men in shape for the game at Clarksburg last week, and aimed a victory over a team that Clarksburg writers thought was better than the team by several touchdowns. Some hard games face the Icemen from now on, and the team will need the full support of everybody. Next Saturday the Icemen go to Elkins; then comes Morgantown. Grafton and East Side in quick succession. Some job to beat 'em all. If any of the alumni have grown careless in their football relations to the school, let them pep up at once. Ice (Continued on page eleven)

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## FRECKLES AND HIS PALS

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## WESLEYAN HOPES TO DEFEAT W. & J. ON SUPERSTITION

Methodists Confident That Squirrel's Tail Will Bring Victory.

BUCKHANNON, W. Va., Oct. 17.—There is probably more pure superstition among athletes and soldiers today than among any other class of people. Jinxes of various habits have been known to follow after athletes, and athletic teams but what is a jinx but a synonym for superstition? What ever psychoanalytic phenomenaes pluribus animi there is to jinxes, it is a belief that has entered the West Virginia Wesleyan football camp.

The first appearance of this mystery bug came on September 30 at Fairmont. Several days before the game somebody said that Wesleyan was pursued by a jinx and should never play West Virginia University at Fairmont. Somebody else said it was not the location but the date. Any how the fact remains that Wesleyan has not won a game from State on the Marion County field since about the time the North Pole was discovered. Wesleyan won the only game on the other hand that was not played at Fairmont.

This is but a sample of the convincing arguments that Buckhannon fans and Wesleyan gridders offer in support of the jinx theory. It is working among individual players. Take the matter of Gale Bullman, for instance. When Bullman played with Marietta High School a few years ago he never played a game that he did not wear a squirrel's tail on his helmet and Bullman was the big part of his team, when playing scholastic football for the oldest town in the Northwest Territory, as the Buckeye townspeople say. In 1920 Bullman was playing end for Greasy Neale. Again the squirrel's tail waved from his helmet, and Bullman was a sensation. Then one day in a stiff scrimmage somebody pulled the squirrel's tail off, and shortly afterward Bullman was carried from the field with a broken leg. The Marietta boy entered Wesleyan and went into action for the first time on September 20 against West Virginia University at Fairmont. He had a bad day and was gloomy as indigo about it. Then somebody pulled the jinx story about the Fairmont pigskin links and Bullman remembered the squirrel's tail. Last Friday the Clarksburg boy had a grey squirrel's tail in the top of his helmet and what a day he had. The former Marietta boy made forty three yards on four forward passes, two of them in succession against Salem College. He played a great defensive game. It will be a long while before Bullman plays again minus that squirrel's tail.

Ever since the war Duke Eastman has worn his identification tag. The little aluminum tag performed a bit of service for Eastman while he was in Haiti, and thus got its first value. Last Friday Eastman left Buckhannon, without the little tag, and was injured in the game following that afternoon.

When Wesleyan steps out next Saturday at Little Washington, Pa. football fans may as well be prepared to see squirrel tails flying from Methodist helmets. It would be about as easy to convince Methodist gridders that Lincoln crossed the Delaware as it would be to prove to them that there isn't anything in wearing squirrel's tails, rabbit's feet, and other lucky articles. Garrity of West Union wears a lucky Chinese ring. In the West Virginia game he did not wear it, and failed to go right. Against Salem he forgot to remove the ring before the game and before the game was over Garrity ran through the whole Salem team sixty yards for a touchdown.

With all this psychology phenomena straightened out, there is no use holding back the fact that Wesleyan feels lucky about the W. J. game coming next Saturday.

## SHIPWRECK ADVERTISED

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Ship wrecks have found their place in street car signs along with baseball games, prize fights, industrial exposition, and baby shows.

The Market Street Railway Co. is satisfying itself that the old tanker Linan Stewart, recently beached after a collision with another vessel, was due for a long stay in her rocky cradle, today had a sign on cars reading "To The Shipwreck" on all cars passing the wreck.

## MASTADON DONE FOUND

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 17.—That Alaska once was a tropical region is said to be indicated by a bone three feet long weighing fifty pounds brought here by F. A. Swift, an old time mining man, to be presented to the University of Washington. Swift found the bone in a bank of the Koyukuk River, fifty miles north of Deatley, Alaska, within the Arctic Circle.

It was twenty-five feet deep, the gravel and came to light in a hydraulic mining operation. It is said to be part of a skeleton of a mastadon.

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